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## JAPAN.

## Kobe—Plague on Vessel from Hongkong.

Surg. Irwin at Yokohama reports, May 13: The steamship *Panama Maru* was detained at quarantine at Kobe May 8, a case of plague having been found among the steerage passengers. The vessel had just arrived from Hongkong.

## MEXICO.

## Typhus Fever.

At Aguascalientes, Consul Schmutz reports the occurrence of 1 death from typhus fever during the week ended April 28, and 3 deaths during the week ended May 12, 1912.

At Mexico City, Consul General Shanklin reports as follows: Week ended March 23, 49 cases of typhus fever with 22 deaths; week ended March 30, 69 cases with 11 deaths; week ended April 6, 39 cases with 8 deaths; week ended April 13, 49 cases with 10 deaths; week ended April 20, 51 cases with 12 deaths.

Puerto Mexico—Further Relative to Yellow Fever.<sup>1</sup>

Acting Asst. Surg. Thompson reports that the patient whose death from yellow fever was reported May 25 left San Juan Bautista, Tabasco, May 10, for Frontera, became ill May 14 at Frontera, left Frontera May 18, and arrived May 19 at Puerto Mexico on the steamship *Tabasco*. The diagnosis of yellow fever was confirmed by autopsy.

## NEW ZEALAND.

## Auckland—Examination of Rats.

The following information was received from the department of health of New Zealand: During the month of March, 1912, 541 rats were examined at Auckland for plague infection. No plague-infected rat was found.

The last plague-infected rat was found May 31, 1911.

## PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.

## Manila—Quarantine against Chinese ports—Vaccination of crews.

Chief Quarantine Officer Heiser reports April 25:

## PLAGUE.

Since the report for the week ended April 6,<sup>2</sup> no new developments have occurred in the plague situation, except the increase of plague in Hongkong to 66 cases and 55 deaths for the week ended April 20. Since Hongkong is only from 48 to 72 hours' steaming distance from Manila, every possible precaution is necessary to prevent the introduction of the disease into the Philippines. No cases of plague developed among the personnel of the steamer *Zafiro*, quarantined April 6, and all were released at the completion of the detention, April 14.

<sup>1</sup> Public Health Reports, May 31, 1912, p. 881.

<sup>2</sup> Public Health Reports, May 24, 1912. Page 820.